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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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The search report from the German Patent Office in related German Patent application 198 40 482.4 and the International Search Report in PCT application EP 99/06027 are provided herewith.

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Submission of Reference Copies

The Examiner has indicated in the Office Action of July 31, 2003 that the references cited in the International Search Report for PCT application EP 99/06027 have been considered. Accordingly, Applicants assume that the Examiner has already obtained copies of such references and thus copies of these references are not included herewith. In the event that the file of this application is missing copies of the documents mentioned in the International Search Report, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants to obtain copies of these references.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit British Patent Specification 1 326 665 corresponding to DE 20 37 755 A which was cited in the International Search Report.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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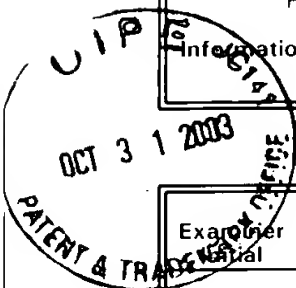
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	2107911	May 1983	Great Britain				
	1326665	Aug. 1973	Great Britain				

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